

D2 Subj a valve having a portion movable within the conduit between a first position inhibiting fluid communication between the inlet and the outlet, and a second position permitting fluid communication between the inlet and the outlet;

a lever connected to the valve to permit manual movement of the valve between the first and the second positions, the lever being located entirely outside the conduit; and

a solenoid connected directly to the valve to move the valve between the first and second positions in response to an electrical input to the solenoid, the position of the lever being independent of the presence of the electrical input to the solenoid.

D2 Subj 40. (Twice Amended) A valve assembly for a support device, including:
a manifold having an inlet, an outlet configured to connect to a device for positioning the support device, and a conduit in fluid communication with the inlet and the outlet;

a valve having a portion movable within the conduit between a first position inhibiting fluid communication between the inlet and the outlet, and a second position permitting fluid communication between the inlet and the outlet;

an actuator connected to the valve to permit manual movement of the valve between the first and the second positions, the actuator being located entirely outside the conduit; and

a solenoid connected directly to the valve to move the valve between the first and second positions in response to an electrical input to the solenoid, the position of the actuator being independent of the presence of the electrical input to the solenoid.

Please cancel claims 41-54 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Prior Art Rejections

U.S. Patent 5,529,281

Claims 21, 25-26, and 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,529,281 to Brudnicki et al. (hereinafter "Brudnicki"). Brudnicki relates to a Dual-Latching Solenoid-Actuated Valve Assembly. Brudnicki includes a cylindrical housing assembly 12 including an inlet portion 18, and outlet